MARVEL

2

RATED T+

VENOM WAR
LETHAL PROTECTORS

PIRZADA
MARESCA
PRIANTO

OBACK

GOA, INDIA.
THE FINAL JOB.

SO, IT'S OVER, THEN.

YOU'RE **SURE** YOU HAVE TO GO?

I'VE GOT TO RESTART THE WILD PACK. IT'S A CORNERSTONE OF SYMKARIA'S DEFENSE INDUSTRY.

SO I'M LOSING YOU TO THE... *ECONOMY?*

SABLE. WAIT.

DOMINIC. IF YOU EVER WANT TO VISIT, I CAN ARRANGE A TOURIST VISA.

JUST GIVE ME ONE MORE NIGHT. OKAY?

WE'LL SAY OUR GOODBYES *TOMORROW.*

DON'T WIPE IT OFF UNTIL THE *MORNING.*

THIS ISN'T THE ***REAL*** YOU, SABLE. YOU'RE LIVING IN YOUR FATHER'S SHADOW.

THAT'S ALL YOU'RE DOING. CHASING ***HIS*** DREAMS. NOT YOURS.

IF YOU GO BACK TO SYMKARIA NOW, YOU'LL NEVER LEARN WHAT IT IS ***YOU*** REALLY WANT TO DO.

YOU'LL NEVER KNOW WHO YOU ***ARE!***

YOU SHOULD HAVE STAYED.

VENOM WAR

LETHAL PROTECTORS #2

The **VENOM WAR** has begun! **EDDIE BROCK** and **DYLAN BROCK** are at war over control of the **VENOM** symbiote, each believing that the other joining with the alien again would usher in a universe-ending catastrophe.

The battle now consumes the streets of NYC as hordes of mindless **ZOMBIOTES** spread like a symbiotic infection across the city. **LIZ ALLAN**, C.E.O. of Alchemax, where the plague originated, tasked international mercenary **SILVER SABLE** and her **WILD PACK** with breaking into the symbiote-obsessed **LIFE FOUNDATION** and securing highly classified tech.

With their backs to the wall before the zombiote threat, the Wild Pack activated their secret weapons: the original Life Foundation symbiotes! And the **AGONY** symbiote's newest host--is Sable herself!

THE WILD PACK

SILVIJA SABLINOVA, A.K.A. **SILVER SABLE**

THOMAS FIREHART, A.K.A. **PUMA**

OBAX MAJID, A.K.A. **LIGHTBRIGHT**

JACINDA RODRIGUEZ, A.K.A. **TARANTULA**

CARL STRICKLAN

LINA ABBAS, A.K.A. **FLICKER**

SABIR PIRZADA
WRITER

LUCA MARESCA
ARTIST

ARIF PRIANTO
COLOR ARTIST

VC's JOE SABINO
LETTERER

© 2024 MARVEL. No similarity between any of the names, characters, persons, and/or institutions in this magazine with those of any living or dead person or institution is intended, and any such similarity which may exist is purely coincidental.

CREEES LEE & SONIA OBACK
COVER ARTISTS

LUCA MARESCA (DESIGN); KENDRICK "KUNKKA" LIM
VARIANT COVER ARTISTS

STACIE ZUCKER DESIGNER
TOM GRONEMAN EDITOR
JORDAN D. WHITE SUPERVISING EDITOR
C.B. CEBULSKI EDITOR IN CHIEF

NEW YORK CITY.
NOW.

LOOK.
SHE'S CRYING IN
HER SLEEP.

NEVER SEEN THE BOSS CRY BEFORE. HA. THAT'S A FIRST--

ACK!

SPACK

SABLE, IT'S JUST US. YOU'RE SAFE. RELATIVELY SPEAKING, THAT IS.

WHERE'S THE *TANK?*

RIGHT HERE WITH US. I'M SORRY, BUT WHILE YOU WERE UNCONSCIOUS, WE HELD A VOTE...

HOO!

...AND DECIDED TO PUT A SONIC EMITTER ON YOU.

IT ONLY SEEMED FAIR, SINCE, Y'KNOW, YOU'VE GOT A ***SYMBIOTE*** NOW.

SOMEONE'S CREEPED INTO MY MIND, AND I DON'T MEAN THE AGONY SYMBIOTE. IT'S SOMEONE WAY MORE POWERFUL.

AH. MERIDIUS. HE'S BEEN TAUNTING ALL OF US. WE THINK IT'S SOME KIND OF HIVE MIND HE'S TAPPING INTO WITH ALL THE SYMBIOTES.

WE THINK HE'S PAYING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO US BECAUSE HE'S AFRAID...

...OF WHATEVER'S INSIDE *THAT*.

WE NEED TO GET OUT OF THE CITY NOW.

WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO REQUEST AN AIRLIFT, BUT NO SIGNALS ARE GETTING THROUGH NOW THAT THE CITY'S UNDER ATTACK.

PUMA SAID HE'D SCOUT A PATH.

YOU MUST TELL THE OTHERS ABOUT THE *TRAITOR* AMONG US.

BEFORE IT'S *TOO* LATE.

PUMA?

WE'RE READY TO MOVE. EVERYONE'S WONDERING WHY YOU'RE, UH, HANGING OUT UP HERE.

IN MY MOST ANIMALISTIC FORM, MY SENSES ARE HEIGHTENED.

SKKOOP

I NEEDED TO FOCUS MY SENSES INWARD TO UNDERSTAND WHY **MERIDIUS** HAS BEEN PROBING OUR MINDS.

AND? ANY IDEAS?

OH, YES. IT ALL MAKES SENSE.

I KNOW WHAT'S IN THE TANK NOW, AND I HAVE A PRETTY STRONG IDEA OF HOW MERIDIUS IS GOING TO TRY TO STOP US FROM USING IT.

WHAT I **DON'T** KNOW...

"...IS WHO HAS BEEN FOLLOWING US FOR THREE BLOCKS."

YOU'RE PLAYING A DANGEROUS GAME, STALKING A **PREDATOR**--

SCORPION?!

PLEASE! YOU GOTTA HELP ME...

WHY HAVE YOU BEEN FOLLOWING US, SCORPION?

YOU'RE THE WILD PACK, RIGHT? BUNCHA MERCENARIES. I'VE BEEN WARNED ABOUT YOU ON JOBS. TO STAY OUT OF YOUR WAY.

THAT YOU GUYS ARE RUTHLESSLY EFFICIENT.

WELL, I GOT MONEY-- HOW ABOUT I ***HIRE*** YOU, HUH?

GET ME THE HELL OUT OF NEW YORK. THAT'S ALL I NEED. A ***RIDE.***

I--I GOTTA GET OUTTA HERE. THEY'RE ***EVERYWHERE.***

THE WHOLE CITY IS...IS... OVERRUN.

NOWHERE IS SAFE ANYMORE...

$&#%. HE'S BEEN CHASED BY A WHOLE *HORDE*.

YOU CAN'T LET THEM TAKE ME! NOT *AGAIN!*

SHUNK

FALL BACK!

RATATATA

SYMBIOTES ON!

OH GOD, YOU HAVE SYMBIOTES *TOO?!*

DIFFERENT KIND.

HOW DO I KNOW YOU'RE NOT INFECTED TOO?

WE'RE NOT--

AAARRGH!

CHOMP

THEY GOT SCORPION.

GET TO HIGHER GROUND!

TARANTULA! GET THE TANK!

GOT IT

THEY'RE COMING FROM ABOVE!

GK--

THEY'RE CLOSING IN FROM ALL SIDES...

WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

STRIKLAN! FLICKER! GET US A PATH ACROSS THE STREET!

POONT

POONT

POONT

MOVE! NOW!

NEED SOME HELP HERE!

GOTCHA

BLAAAM

FRAK

BOOM

GET THE TANK TO SAFETY!

+HISSSS+

NO

THUNK

K-CHOK

GCK!

TARANTULA! ARE YOU OKAY?

HEARING'S COMING BACK. THAT WAS LOUD, HUH? I LOST THE TANK. ANYONE SEEN IT?

TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH...

MY NECK WAS GETTING CRAMPED IN THERE.

SHRIEK?!

INTELLIGENCE REPORTS STATED THAT YOU WERE *DEAD*.

DID YOU THINK YOUR SYMBIOTES WERE THE ONLY THING THE LIFE FOUNDATION REGREW IN A LAB?

I GUESS THEY NEEDED A SAFETY MEASURE AGAINST THEIR SYMBIOTES, SINCE, Y'KNOW, THEY'RE VULNERABLE TO SONICS, AND THAT'S MY JAM.

NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO GET INTO THIS. THAT HORDE IS ALREADY REGROUPING.

WE HAVE TO MOVE, PEOPLE. NOW.

SHRIEK, IF YOU WANT TO SURVIVE, YOU'D BETTER COME WITH US.

THAT'S ***HILARIOUS***. YOU KNEW I WAS CAPTIVE IN THAT TANK THE WHOLE TIME, AND YOU CARRIED ME AROUND LIKE LUGGAGE.

NOW YOU EXPECT ME TO COME WITH YOU ***WILLINGLY?***

NAH.

WRONG ANSWER.

KEEEEEEEEE

TOK

UNH!

WE GOT LUCKY. SHRIEK'S A ***NUTCASE***. IF SHE WASN'T STILL GETTING HER BEARINGS, THIS COULDA BEEN A WHOLE LOT WORSE.

SO WHAT NOW?

HNNNNN...

GRAB HER. WE NEED TO GET OUTSIDE THE CITY FOR THE NEXT PHASE OF OUR MISSION...

"...AND I KNOW JUST THE PLACE."

THE *MISSISSIPPI QUEEN.* SAFE HAVEN IN THE APOCALYPSE FOR THE WEALTHY.

HOME OF DOMINIC FORTUNE.

I DON'T CARE IF IT'S THE APOCALYPSE OUTSIDE. WE RUN A BUSINESS HERE, AND AS LONG AS AMERICA'S STILL STANDING, THE ALMIGHTY U.S. DOLLAR SAYS WE PROVIDE FULL SERVICE ON BOARD OR ***ELSE***--

LET ME KNOW IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU NEED. I ASSURE YOU, YOU ARE SAFE AS LONG AS YOU'RE ABOARD THE *MISSISSIPPI QUEEN*. WE HAVE THE ***BEST*** SECURITY...

I SMELLED YOUR PERFUME TEN MINUTES AGO.

I THOUGHT ABOUT THIS MOMENT A HUNDRED DIFFERENT WAYS. WHAT I WOULD **SAY** TO YOU. WHAT YOU'D SAY BACK.

BUT NOW THAT YOU'RE FINALLY HERE...I GOT NOTHIN' TO SAY.

NOT A DAY GOES BY THAT I HAVEN'T THOUGHT ABOUT YOU, DOMINIC.

YOU COULD HAVE CALLED--

YOU COULD HAVE ***VISITED***. YOU KNOW WHERE SYMKARIA IS, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOUR BOAT IS DOCKED ON ANY GIVEN WEEKEND.

I STAYED AWAY BECAUSE YOU DESERVED ***BETTER*** THAN ME.

I KEPT TELLING MYSELF TO FOLLOW YOUR ADVICE. TO DO THE WORK--FIGURE OUT WHO THE HELL I AM. THEN, WHEN I WAS READY...

...MAYBE I'D GET LUCKY AND YOU'D TAKE ME ***BACK***.

HUH? SABLE?

I'M SORRY, DOMINIC.

NO... YOU DIDN'T... WH-*WHY?*

BECAUSE IT WAS EASIER THIS WAY.

EASIER TO JUST *TAKE* YOUR SHIP...

...THAN TO BE ***HONEST*** AND ASK YOU FOR HELP.

TO BE CONTINUED...

VENOM WAR

THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE!

VENOM WAR #3

VENOM WAR: CARNAGE #3

CHECKLIST

~~08/07/24 VENOM WAR 1~~

~~08/14/24 VENOM 36~~

~~08/14/24 VENOM WAR: SPIDER-MAN 1~~

~~08/21/24 VENOM WAR: CARNAGE 1~~

~~08/21/24 VENOM WAR: VENOMOUS 1~~

~~08/28/24 VENOM WAR: ZOMBIOTES 1~~

~~09/04/24 VENOM WAR 2~~

~~09/04/24 VENOM WAR: SPIDER-MAN 2~~

~~09/11/24 VENOM 37~~

~~09/11/24 VENOM WAR: WOLVERINE 1~~

~~09/11/24 VENOM WAR: CARNAGE 2~~

~~09/18/24 VENOM WAR: DEADPOOL 1~~

~~09/18/24 VENOM WAR: VENOMOUS 2~~

~~09/18/24 VENOM WAR: LETHAL PROTECTORS 1~~

~~09/25/24 VENOM WAR: DAREDEVIL 1~~

~~09/25/24 VENOM WAR: ZOMBIOTES 2~~

~~10/02/24 VENOM WAR 3~~

~~10/02/24 VENOM WAR: SPIDER-MAN 3~~

~~10/09/24 VENOM 38~~

~~10/09/24 VENOM WAR: WOLVERINE 2~~

~~10/16/24 VENOM WAR: DEADPOOL 2~~

~~10/16/24 VENOM WAR: VENOMOUS 3~~

10/23/24 VENOM WAR: CARNAGE 3

10/23/24 VENOM WAR: LETHAL PROTECTORS 2

10/30/24 VENOM WAR: ZOMBIOTES 3

10/30/24 VENOM WAR: FANTASTIC FOUR 1

11/06/24 VENOM WAR 4

11/06/24 VENOM WAR: SPIDER-MAN 4

11/13/24 VENOM 39

11/13/24 VENOM WAR: WOLVERINE 3

11/13/24 VENOM WAR: DEADPOOL 3

11/20/24 VENOM WAR: LETHAL PROTECTORS 3

11/20/24 VENOM WAR: IT'S JEFF 1

11/27/24 VENOM WAR 5

NEXT

THE WICKED WEB-SLINGERS WANT YOUR ***BRAINS***--
I MEAN, YOUR ***LETTERS!*** SEND YOUR NOTES TO
SPIDEYOFFICE@MARVEL.COM. BE SURE
TO MARK THEM "OKAY TO PRINT"!

VENOM WAR: LETHAL PROTECTORS #3